



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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**VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Stefan C. Passantino, Esq.  
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RE: MUR 5546  
The Leadership Forum  
Susan B. Hirschmann, as President  
L. William Paxon, as Vice President  
Barbara Bonfiglio, in her official  
capacity as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Passantino:

On October 5, 2004, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On June 21, 2005, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, information provided by your clients, and publicly-available information, that there is no reason to believe your clients violated any provision of the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to The Leadership Forum, Susan B. Hirschmann, as President, L. William Paxon, as Vice President, and Barbara Bonfiglio, in her official capacity as Treasurer.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed, at which time you will be sent a copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report.

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If you have any questions, please contact April Sands, the attorney assigned to this matter,  
at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.", written over the typed name.

BY: Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.  
Deputy Associate General Counsel  
for Enforcement

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